



# Family Readiness Group Newsletter



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## Quote of the Month

*"Nothing average ever stood as a monument to progress.*

*When progress is looking for a partner it doesn't turn to those who believe they are only average.*

*It turns instead to those who are forever searching and striving to become the best they possibly can.*

*If we seek the average level we cannot hope to achieve a high level of success. Our only hope is to avoid being a failure."*

*-A. Lou Vickery*

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## From the HHC Commander

Hello Team 16 Family and Friends,

We have passed the sixth month of service in Iraq as a company. The soldiers continue to excel at every task given to them. During the past month the company has been in a transitional phase with new personnel finding their place in the daily scheme of things and picking up where others have left off. It is a tribute to the Army that a unit is able to seamlessly transition so many key leaders within an organization during wartime and never miss a beat.

During the month of August we saw some of the hottest days of the year. One day in particular the mercury reached 132 degrees and even with air conditioning it was difficult staying cool. Those days are behind us now and we are now better able to enjoy improvements made to our company Life Support Area. The patio is now complete and is used regularly by soldiers just wanting to relax. The MWR tent is up and running. Weight benches are bustling with activity and a bench press club is emerging. The exercise bikes, total gyms, and weight machines are all being used on a daily basis. We continue to improve the quality of life at Log Base Dogwood in any way we can.

As you probably already know the unit is planning to relocate in the next few months. There are several operational reasons for this move. But, one of the most important reasons is quality of life for our soldiers. Here at Log Base Dogwood we have a very comfortable standard of living. But, we have reached a plateau in the ability to improve the area. Soldiers are still living and eating in tents. We can do better. The unit's move is designed to achieve a better tomorrow. The location's we are looking at moving to have multiple buildings for work, sleep and play. We have a softball field, basketball court and volleyball court in the works. Soldiers will have rooms with fewer roommates. The dining facility will be contracted and will provide four hot meals a day. I am not saying the new location is all roses. A large amount of work must be completed prior to our move. My intent is to move when the quality of life is equal or greater than our current conditions. The Group S-4 is working diligently to hire contractors to fix buildings, clean up areas, and paint walls. Electricity, running water, indoor plumbing are all not only possibilities but will be reality in the near future. Overall, our moving will improve the quality of life of your loved ones and that is my goal.

In other news, we had a Sport's Day/BBQ to celebrate the Labor Day holiday. A good time was had by all. We also recognized Birthday's on September 1st and are planning a special commemorative event on 9-11.

I requested a VTC and am happy to report that it was approved. Equipment needed was borrowed. Initially, we had hoped to have it coincide with the FRG meeting on the 10th-but in the end it was approved for 1100-1500 on September 9, 2003. Our plan is for 24 families to enjoy ten minutes of visual conversation with their soldier. In addition, the company has been busy making a video that includes all aspects of our lives here at LSA Dogwood and messages from soldiers home. Copies will be made for each family on request. September promises to be an exciting month for both soldiers and family members.

Please continue to care for and communicate with one another. Be each other's rock. No one can get through this deployment alone. We HHC, 16th CSG, are one family on a journey together. Keep your heads up high, you have a great deal to be proud of down here, your loved ones are freedom's angels.

Very Respectfully,  
Matthew A. Anderson  
Captain, Transportation  
Commanding

## From the Group Commander

### COL Michael C. Sevcik

Hello to all the 16th family members and friends. Hard to believe a month has gone by here in Iraq. I do want to report to you all that the soldiers of the Group are doing fine and we continue to improve our position daily.

Want to let all the family members know that recently the Army announced a one-year rotation plan for soldiers participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The plan discussed by the Chief of Staff of the Army was very detailed regarding the combat forces but did not speak specifically about the 3d COSCOM or other support organizations such as the 16th Corps Support Group. Recently, GEN BB Bell, Commanding General USAREUR published a "Bell Sends" policy memorandum #10, that indicates the one-year plan definitely applies to all deployed soldiers, not just those assigned to the announced units. The Army plans to accomplish the one-year rotation plan by designating backfill units to replace organizations already deployed or the Army will implement an individual soldier replacement rotation policy. The bottom line is that the Army and chain of command wants the soldiers and family members to know that they can count on no more than a one-year deployment as soldiers deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Some sad news, recently we honored the memory of Specialist Darryl T. Dent from our 547th Transportation Company (Capitol Guardians) of our 485th Corps Support Battalion. Specialist Dent was killed on August 26th in a vehicle accident here in Iraq while escorting mail enroute to the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Specialist Dent was born in North Carolina; he was 19 years old and a member of the Washington D.C., Army National Guard.

The Group has had very few soldiers injured in accidents during the past month. HHC has been very fortunate to have no injuries this month. It is a tribute to the leadership of the units within the Group that so few soldiers have been injured due to accidents. The soldiers and leaders at all levels have a safety focus and continue to minimize the number of accidents in the Group.

I want you all to know that everyone in Team 16 is working hard to accomplish some very demanding missions. Every one of our soldiers is working many hours under tough and often dangerous conditions. I just can't tell you how proud I am of their great performance—simply magnificent. The soldiers here are making a difference everyday and just can't wait to get back home to you—the families! So again, I ask you to keep these great soldiers, great American's and "national treasures" in your thoughts and in your prayers. We'll be home before you know it.

COL Michael C. Sevcik



COL Sevcik visits with Iraqi father and son.

## Downrange Happenings

On **Labor Day** the Company celebrated with a Sports Day/BBQ.

The results of each competition is as follows:

Horseshoes—1st MAJ Hixon and SFC Hoback, 2nd SGM Bochette and SGM Harvey.

Ping Pong—1st MSG Jones, 2nd SFC Dudley.



1LT Fonde and 1LT Consedine befriending local Iraqi women and child.

Frisbee Golf—1st MAJ Hixon, 2nd MAJ (P) Waller.

Spades—1st CSM Yarborough and SGT Lamb, 2nd SPC Mason and CPL Ramsey.

Pool—1st SGM Harvey, 2nd SSG (P) Hobbs.

Table Soccer—1st SFC Dudley and SSG (P) Koder, 2nd SSG Hill and SPC Oh.

September Birthdays recognized.

**Happy Birthday** to the following soldiers:

SFC Hoback -3 SEP  
CPT Anderson -8 SEP  
COL Sevcik -12 SEP  
PV2 Cummings -14 SEP  
SSG Ochsner -28 SEP



Soldiers enjoy activities in newly finished MWR tent.

On **September 11, 2003**, the Company will have a Remembrance Luncheon. The luncheon will include a prayer, a story from a Pentagon Survivor, the reading of names of those soldiers who have perished while serving our country in OIF, and the playing of taps.



## We Salute You!



**Promotions:**  
SFC Schartner to MSG  
SPC DeJesus to SGT  
SPC Garcia to SGT

**Award Presentations:**  
1 LT Chevalier, ARCOM (PCS)  
CPT Anderson, Bronze Star

**Schools:**  
CW3 Brooks at WOAC  
SFC Beckford continues ANCOC  
SFC James continues ANCOC

### Commander's Soldier Recognition:

For the month of September we recognize a soldier who has helped the unit a great deal while not serving in the unit.

This soldier is :

**SGT Long**

A soldier with 626th Trans Detachment who has become the third mechanic for our Company and has never hesitated to help out when needed. He helped us to install the A/C units and lights in the MWR tent. He always has a smile on his face and a helpful attitude towards life. Definitely an asset to the unit.

## TWO WEEK R&R LEAVE



## AWAITING APPROVAL

## Support our Soldiers

**Rank/Name**  
**HHC, 16th CSG**  
**(WC9GAA)**  
**3 COSCOM**  
**Unit #91777**  
**APO, AE 09372-1777**



PFC Richardson hands out candy.

## Community Happenings in Hanau and Surrounding Areas

**Stay tuned to Community Happenings** by picking up a copy of the **Herald Union** and checking out the Hanau Community website at **www.hanau.army.mil**.

The HCSC wants to remind the community of Hanau that it's traditional **Annual Bazaar** will take place **October 24-26, 2003** in **building 1313 on Fliegerhorst Kaserne**. See **Kim Yarborough** if you wish to volunteer.

Beginning August 21, 2003, **incoming civilian phone calls onto Fliegerhorst Kaserne** changed to (06183) 51 plus the last four and **not** the last three of the DSN number.

**Are you a Universal Donor?** Type O blood is being sought by the Armed Services Blood Program. Type O blood is vital to keeping trauma victims alive until their blood type can be identified. **To donate** blood or sponsor a blood drive **call Bob Kirzner at (06371)88-6497**.

**Do you have a new baby ?** The Red Cross currently has a layette giveaway under way. Contact your local **Red Cross** office for details **CIV 06181-88-8205**

**Looking for something fun to do?** Visit **Ronneburg Castle** on September 27-28, 2003 for it's next **Middle Ages Fest**. See **www.burg-ronneburg.de** for further details. I went to the Fest in June and it was quite fun.

**Are you bored and in search of something to fill your time while your spouse is away?** Volunteers are needed throughout the Hanau Community.

If you are interested in reading to preschool children or doing crafts with them on Thursday mornings between 10:00-11:00 am at the **library?** Call **Christi Bayha at CIV 06181-88-9657**.

If you would like to assist in the **USO office**. Contact **Lori Pond at CIV 06181-88-8725**.

Or if you wish to volunteer at the **Hanau Thrift Shop** on **Wolfgang Kaserne** call **Mary Payant at CIV 06181-88-8965**.

# Key Deployment Contacts

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**OIC (CO level): CPT Hartigan**  
(Currently on maternity leave). See SSG Washington.

## FRG Liaison:

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## Useful Phone Numbers

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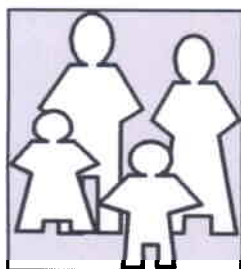
American Red Cross: 06181-88-8205

HANAU MILITARY POLICE:

06181-88-8749 NON-Emergency

EMERGENCY POLICE: CIV 88-114

# Upcoming September FRG meeting



The next **Family Readiness Group** meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 10, 2003** from 1830-1930 in the **Group Conference Room**.

The Group Conference Room is located on Hutier Kaserne on the second floor of building 1188. Building 1188 is in the motorpool opposite IKEA. Go to the second floor by way of the metal steps on the outside of the building.

We will initially discuss Business at hand-including some **changes in the FRG**. Come to **meet Tamara Sevcik**

and other new key people in the FRG. This discussion will be followed by a **guest speaker**.

**Guest Speaker: MAJ Kanney** will give us a first hand run down on operations in Iraq and answer our questions.

Refreshments provided.

Come out and support your HHC Family Readiness Group. Your continued involvement will help make our FRG a success.

**Is your baby on SIMILAC Formula?**  
Yours or a friends? Your FRG has coupon books available to you.  
See Janet Anderson



Thank-You

**Tamara Sevcik**

for  
your support

## Monthly Website Spotlight

[www.armyfamilyteambuilding.org](http://www.armyfamilyteambuilding.org)



As most of you know, Army Family Team Building is a volunteer led organization whose main goal is to provide training and knowledge to spouses and family members in support of the total Army effort. What you might not know is that they have a website that offers AFTB classes levels I and II online in both English and Spanish.

To sign up for the classes visit [www.armyfamilyteambuilding.org](http://www.armyfamilyteambuilding.org) today and prepare your Army family to move successfully into the future. Additional site features include answers to frequently asked questions about AFTB, online training, as well as, life in an Army Community. Also, there is a glossary of military terms and acronyms. And even site links to information about military life, relocation, health and military installations. Visit [www.armyfamilyteambuilding.org](http://www.armyfamilyteambuilding.org) today!

## Willkommen und auf Wiedersehen!

HHC welcomes the following soldiers and their families:

CW3 Moore -to SPO

PFC Hancock -to CSSAMO

SGT Thiel- to HQ

SSG Ghant- to SPO

HHC wishes the following soldiers and their families a fond farewell:

SSG Ofor  
CW3 Balades  
1LT Chevalier  
SGT Castillote  
SGT Hinsch  
SPC Pabellon  
CW3 Davis

## Kid's Craft Corner

### WHAT YOU NEED

- Empty coffee can or oatmeal carton
- Construction paper
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Old magazines

**Time needed:** Under 1 Hour

Looking for a way to put a lid on desktop clutter? Just turn an empty coffee can, oatmeal box or any other canister style container that comes with a reusable plastic lid into a handy holder for your kid's school supplies.

First, wrap a piece of construction paper (trimmed to fit) around the container, and tape or glue together the overlapping edges. Then your kids can draw personalized designs or glue magazine cutouts on the paper. Next, use a craft knife (adults

only) to cut a series of X shaped openings in the plastic lid for inserting pencils, paintbrushes, scissors and a ruler. Finally, glue a magnet to the side of the can for holding a few paperclips (remember to keep the magnet away from your computer).



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Happy  
Grandparent's  
Day

September  
7th



### "Team 16" Welcomes Our Newest Arrivals

SFC Marshall and wife Fran welcomed their newborn daughter,  
**Jaiva Lanae Marshall**  
6 lbs 1 oz and 21 inches long  
Friday, August 8, 2003  
10:55 pm

CPT Hartigan and husband Scott welcomed their newborn daughter,  
**McKenna Colleen Hartigan**  
8 lbs 6.5 oz and 21 1/2 inches long  
Wednesday, August 27, 2003  
3:30 am

PV2 Cummings and wife Sherry welcomed their newborn son,  
**Elijah Alan Cummings**  
8 lbs 8 oz and 22 inches long  
Friday, August 29, 2003  
9:10 am



### RECIPE CORNER

Each month I will feature a new recipe. If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share please let me know. This month's recipe, is:

### Chocolate Scotcheroos

Recently at a cookout I was introduced to this heavenly treat! They are delicious and very easy to make.

### Chocolate Scotcheroos

1. Cook 1 cup sugar, 1 cup corn syrup, in 3 quart sauce pan on medium heat until it boils.
2. Remove from heat. Stir in 1 cup peanut butter, mix in 6 cups rice krispies. Press into greased 13x9 inch pan.
3. Let harden.
4. Melt on boiler 16 oz of chocolate chips and 6 oz of butterscotch chips. Spread over krispies mixture.
5. Place in fridge to harden.

## 2003 Holiday Greetings Program

This years Holiday Greeting Program has been scheduled for Friday, September 12, 2003 from 0800 to 1600 adjacent to the Pioneer Fitness Center on Pioneer Kaserne in Hanau.

If your service member is deployed, you may still do the greeting but must mention in the greeting that the service member is currently deployed. No cost involved. POC: Christine Kumpel CIV 06181-881600

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# MPS



### HHC, 16th CSG Family Readiness Group

*"Team 16"*

We're on the web!  
[www.3coscom.wiesbaden.  
army.mil/16csg/family](http://www.3coscom.wiesbaden.army.mil/16csg/family)

## September 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2 School Starts	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 HHC VTC	10 FRG 1830-1930	11 Patriot Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 First day of Fall	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				